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Reservoir High School Music Boosters General Meeting June 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Rob Dice.

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Lee provided a treasurer's report. Some highlights are below (please see the report for details):

Payments received:

- \$763.00 from the car wash held at Reservoir on June 6th.
- \$1421.00 MMEA all state judges concession payment for last three years

Expenses:

- \$1500.00 (approximate) anticipated for cleaning of Marching Band uniforms, Tuxes, and Madrigal costumes
- \$1836.00 was approved for purchase of a CD/DVD duplicator and supplies for the Music Department
- \$300.00 was approved to offset the expenses for an orchestra clinician this year

Balances: see the Treasurer's report for the current balances.

Budget discussion – Anne noted that in general fundraising was only a few thousand dollars below budget projections but expenses were nearly \$13,000 below budget. [Marching Band (-\$2000), Winter Guard (-\$1500), equipment purchases, sheet music, clinicians, etc.] Some of this was due to changes in program focus and others were simply being conservative in a difficult economic time. The net result, however, is that there is projected to be a net gain to the balance sheet of about \$9,000.

Anne made a motion to “allocate” \$5,000.00 of the net gain to the Long Term Replacement fund budget line to ensure adequate funding for replacement MB uniforms and tuxes in the future. The remaining funds will be allocated to the Unallocated Long Term Fund. This motion was discussed, seconded and passed.

Discussion on Howard County Funding Request:

Matt Dubbs reported that every three years the Music department gets a higher allocation of funds to buy equipment, etc. The three directors submitted a budget request to the county for a total of \$63,000.00 worth of equipment and supplies to include purchase of a French horn, sax, cello, etc. The directors expect to receive a

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budget of about \$12,000 from the county. After much discussion about the shortfall in funding from the county, and to enable the current meeting to proceed, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to defer further discussion until after the directors receive their county budget, decide what will be purchased with those funds, prioritize the list of remaining items and propose items to be purchased from the Unallocated Long Term Fund.

Ways and Means Committee:

A fund raising meeting was held on Monday May 18th at 7:00 pm in the Music Department to discuss fund raising strategy and specific fund raiser suggestions for the board to consider in next year's budget. Chris Mitchell presented the results from that meeting. Three items were discussed at length:

- Elimination of the \$10.00 participation fee that every music department student pays. It is a difficult fee to collect and could be offset with other fundraisers. The directors approved of this recommendation.
- Reduction in the cost of tickets to concert performances. It was noted that receipts from the performances didn't align well with attendance. Many people were apparently getting in for free. Reducing the cost of attendance would be a nice gesture to the community and maybe more people would be inclined to pay. The directors were concerned about the impact to balancing the budget. They also felt that people are more appreciative of something they have to pay for.
- Begin a new fundraiser - selling bags of coffee. This is apparently a major fundraiser for Atholton High School.

These items and the other recommendations from the fund raising meeting will be further considered during the budget process for next year.

New Business:

- It was suggested, and approved, that the Boosters send some flowers to Donna Fenicle who recently had surgery on her wrists.
- DK noted that Brian Donnelly had obtained a storage container for the department and expressed the gratitude of the directors. He also noted that the container needed to be cleaned and painted as it was not the same color as the other storage container on the property. No decision was reached on when or how that would be accomplished.

Director Comments

Matt Dubbs and Greg Knauf thanked everyone for a great year.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm